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Federal Communications Commission
Washington
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Re: Docket No. 12-268, Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities Of
Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions

To Whom It May Concern:

In view of reports that there is a genuine shortage of television spectrum (many low-power television stations are unable to find available channels on which to build digital facilities), I am astonished that anyone would even think of auctioning spectrum to wireless companies!

Low-power television stations provide family-friendly viewing for their audiences at no cost to viewers. I don't know of a single feature that wireless companies offer their customers at no charge.

It appears to me that the demand by the wireless companies for television spectrum amounts to a monopolistic power-grab at the expense of the low-power television stations and their viewers.

Low-power television stations operate on limited budgets and will be unable to compete with the grossly wealthy wireless companies in such proposed auctions. I believe this proposal is just one more effort to drive small business out of business altogether.

I believe it is critical that no low-power television station be denied its spectrum. Therefore I recommend and request that this issue be abandoned permanently as to do otherwise will have significant adverse impact on such stations as well as on the millions of Americans who presently enjoy the benefits of such stations. The proposal is, in my opinion, absolutely contrary to the public interest.

Sincerely,

Ellen Rogers

